

## **SOLICITATION FOR NOMINATIONS 2023 AIR POLLUTION CONTROL ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS**

The Air Pollution Control Board of the City of Huntsville is inviting the submittal of nominations for the 2023 Air Pollution Control Achievement Awards Program. The Awards Program was established by the Board in 1997 to recognize the voluntary efforts of industrial, commercial and institutional facilities to enhance air quality in Huntsville. Award recipients are selected on the basis of letters of nomination submitted to the Board for consideration. There are three categories of awards.

**Category 1:** Category 1 Awards recognize facilities that have implemented a project that reduces pollutant emissions to the ambient air. Some examples of activities within this category are installation or upgrading of emission control equipment, the use of less polluting raw materials in manufacturing processes or facility maintenance, the installation of more efficient process equipment that reduces raw material or fuel usage, measures to reduce energy consumption, and the purchase of low emission fleet vehicles. Actions required by air pollution control regulations, or implemented in response to enforcement action, are not eligible for recognition.

**Category 2:** This category includes current or planned projects similar to those in category 1, but which are still in the planning, testing or early implementation stages. Since the results of the project are not yet known, category 2 winners would not actually receive an award until 2024. Thus, Category 2 recognition provides pre-approval of a project as being deserving of recognition, and assures that an award will be conferred if the project is successfully implemented.

**Category 3:** The Board added this category in 1999 as a means of recognizing efforts to educate the public and promote citizen actions to reduce emissions of air pollutants. Examples of activities within this category include effective promotion of carpooling or proper car care, conducting seminars or workshops, sponsoring educational displays at exhibitions, and use of other methods for public dissemination of information describing actions individuals can take to reduce air pollution.

The awards program is strictly voluntary and has no regulatory overtones whatsoever. The program is designed to recognize proactive efforts to protect and enhance air quality in the Huntsville area. Interested parties should submit letters of nomination, which provide a brief description of the project and the associated air quality benefit, to:

Air Pollution Control Board  
c/o Division of Natural Resources  
City of Huntsville  
P. O. Box 308  
Huntsville, AL 35804

To ensure consideration of the project by the Board, nominations should be submitted no later than **May 31, 2023**. For additional information, contact Darlene Duerr at 256- 427-5750, or visit the Natural Resources home page at <http://www.huntsvilleal.gov/NatRes/>